

Review of: "Forecasting by Analogy: A Parallel between the Trend of Confirmed COVID-19 Deaths in the Winters of 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 in Italy"

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Congratulations for your contribution.

The comparison of data by epidemiological weeks is a common practice for public health surveillance.

This comparison, and even the possible projection, allows immediate decision-making in public health.

Although the use of prognosis by analogy has its limitations, it is important to point out vaccination in greater detail in the article: type of vaccine used, age groups vaccinated, coverage, etc. This issue is of great importance since there were double the expected deaths.

It would be appropriate to mention why techniques such as control charts or the measurement of excess deaths were not used.